



Cool kids



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Chapter 1 by Totally Olive

She sees them walking in a straight line, that's not really her style.
And they all got the same heartbeat, but hers is falling behind.
Nothing in this world could ever bring them down.
Yeah, they're invincible, and she's just in the background.
And she says,

"I wish that I could be like the cool kids,
'Cause all the cool kids, they seem to fit in.
I wish that I could be like the cool kids, like the cool kids."

I always wished i could be a "cool kid". But in my group of friends we all thought we were cool in our own way. I could write. Maggie could dance. Taylor could sing like an angel and Mitch could skate board better than any of us. We are all unique and people need to remember that.

Chapter 2 by R.L. Carlson



In those days,
of rollerblade riding and sidewalk chalk drawing
of jump rope jumping and staying out so late that our Mas would have half the town out just
lookin' for us
of bicycle riding and truth or daring
of staring down the road at Jimmy Lee Jordan,

the coolest boy in school, willing him to look our way,

of sitting on the roof, gossiping

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those were the days

the carefree days

the do-whatever-you-wanna-do days

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and yet
when we saw them, with their hi-top sneakers and their makeup-ed faces
their painted nails and leather jackets
walking in a straight line down Main Street.
the way they strutted down the halls
in one big clump
people moving over to make room for them
without anyone asking them to.
they were feared
yet respected
and we all wanted to be those things
except maybe the people who didn't care
like Marcus John or Sadie Patoola.
I envied Marcus and Sadie
a little bit.
they could just be themselves
and I sorta could too,
only everything was always about the cool kids
and I wanted to be a cool kid
and be talked about
and admired
and maybe even a little bit feared.

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